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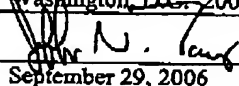
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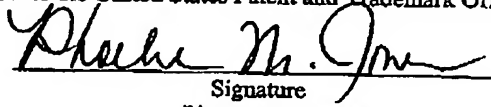
  

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In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2006, Applicants request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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Remarks begin on page 4.